03050208-120

(Great Swamp)

General Description

Watershed 03050208-120 is located in Jasper County and consists primarily of *Great Swamp* and its tributaries. The watershed occupies 81,764 acres of the Lower Coastal Plain and Coastal Zone regions of South Carolina. The predominant soil types consist of an association of the Rains-Paxville-Albany-Lynchburg series. The erodibility of the soil (K) averages 0.17, and the slope of the terrain averages 1%, with a range of 0-2%. Land use/land cover in the watershed includes: 54.6% forested land, 28.0% forested wetland, 9.7% agricultural land, 5.9% barren land, 0.8% nonforested wetland, 0.6% urban land, and 0.4% water.

Great Swamp accepts drainage from Calfpen Bay (Gillison Branch), Poli Bay, Switzerland Canal (Broad Water, Wagon Branch), Darn Swamp, Green Swamp, and Bagshaw Swamp (Sand Branch, Buck Bay). Further downstream, Great Swamp accepts drainage from Kato Bay, Shingle Swamp, Causeway Swamp (Hog Crawl Swamp, Fivemile Swamp, Halfmoon Bay, Sixmile Swamp, Sevenmile Swamp, Bahama Swamp), Thomas Swamp, and Garrett Lake. There are a total of 46.8 stream miles and 67.8 acres of lake waters in this watershed, all classified FW.

Surface Water Quality

Station #	<u>Type</u>	<u>Class</u>	Description
MD-129	W	FW	GREAT SWAMP AT US 17

Great Swamp (MD-129) – Aquatic life uses are fully supported. This is a blackwater swamp system, characterized by naturally low pH and dissolved oxygen concentrations. Although dissolved oxygen and pH excursions occurred, they were typical of values seen in blackwater swamps and are considered natural, not standards violations. Recreational uses are partially supported due to fecal coliform bacteria excursions.

NPDES Program

Active NPDES Facilities

RECEIVING STREAM

FACILITY NAME

PERMITTED FLOW @ PIPE (MGD)

WWTP PRIOR TO DISPOSAL BJW&SA/OKATIE WATER RECLAIM. FACILITY PIPE #: 001 FLOW: 3.2 NPDES# TYPE COMMENT

SC0047279 MAJOR DOMESTIC

Nonpoint Source Management Program

Land Disposal Activities

Landfill Facilities

LANDFILL NAME PERMIT #
FACILITY TYPE STATUS

JASPER COUNTY LANDFILL DWP-108
DOMESTIC CLOSED

JASPER COUNTY C/C LANDFILL DWP-907, CWP-007, 271001-1201

DOMESTIC CLOSED

TOWN OF RIDGELAND DWP-113
DOMESTIC INACTIVE

Land Application Sites

LAND APPLICATION SYSTEM ND# FACILITY NAME TYPE

SPRAYFIELD ND0067971
TOWN OF RIDGELAND WWTP DOMESTIC

SPRAY SITES ND0074004
BJW&SA/CHERRY POINT-OKATIE DOMESTIC

Mining Activities

MINING COMPANY PERMIT #
MINE NAME MINERAL

SOUTHERN AGGREGATES CO., INC. 0016-53 DEERFIELD MINE SAND

Growth Potential

There is a high potential for residential growth in this watershed, which contains the western edge of the Town of Ridgeland. I-95 crosses the Town of Ridgeland and may provide some growth to the area. Ridgeland has expanded its regional treatment facility, which was built to address the needs of Del Webb's Sun City and Hilton Head. The proposed expansion is to handle future growth.